

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2005

## CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 808 South Michael Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on January 20, 2005 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, David Greene, City Manager and Solicitor Stephen French

Thomas Farley arrived at 7:10 p.m.

## VISITORS

Visitors included: Andy Swasta, Richard Sadley, Jerry Sorg, and Tina Gnan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
January 10 and 13, 2005

Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10 and 13, 2005, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

2ND PUBLIC HEARING  
CDBG APPLICATION

Mayor Meier opened the 2nd 2005 CDBG Public Hearing and turned the meeting over to Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator.

Ms. Gnan stated the City intends to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FY 2005 CDBG funds in the amount of \$463,620. for the following proposed projects:

- Elk Creek Sanitary Sewer \$79,468. (final yr.)
- Depot Street Restoration \$230,702. (multi yr. project)
- Recreation Board/Handicap Accessibility at the Parks \$70,000.
- Administration \$83,450.

Deadline for public comments is February 15, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. A Resolution will be presented to Council on February 21, 2005 authorizing the Mayor to sign the CDBG Application for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development which is due March 4, 2005.

## Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

## Hearing Closed

A motion was made by Steven Skok to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

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## MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- Met with Bob DeLullo and Tina Gnan regarding relocating the yard waste site to DeLaum Rd.
- Met with Nick Scacchitti from Anderson and Kime Reality to update appraisal on existing Municipal Building
- Met with Randy Albert and Shawn Agosti from PennDOT regarding our 2005 Street Paving Projects
- Attended an awards ceremony for Rep. John Peterson in Johnsonburg
- Met with a developer who would like to build residential housing in the City.

Manager Greene requested authorization to submit a Pennsylvania Transportation Infrastructure Project Loan Application in the amount of \$1,000,000. Purpose of the loan will be to improve the unpaved roads within the City of St. Marys.

Robert Roberts made a motion to authorize the Manager to submit the Pennsylvania Transportation Infrastructure Loan Application, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

## APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period December 16, 2004 through January 21, 2005, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Meier presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2004. The end of the year totals for revenue came in at \$9.7 million at 110% of total budget and for the Expenditures, the City spent \$9.3 million at 96% of budgeted expenses. In the General Fund, the City collected 97% of revenue and spent 91% of the budgeted expenditures. The market climbed to \$4.6 million from \$4.2 million in the Police Pension Fund and from \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million in the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:  
Award of Snow  
Removal Bid

Mayor Meier stated that the following two bids for emergency snow removal were opened at the January 10, 2005 meeting:

- Bucktail Excavators, St. Marys, Pa.
- Tri-axle dump truck \$55.00/hr.
  - Tandem dump truck \$50.00/hr.
  - Backhoe 4WD \$60.00/hr.
  - Mustang skid-steer \$50.00/hr.

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Krug Contracting, Johnsonburg, Pa.

- Pick-up with plow \$42.50/hr.
- Truck with spreader \$42.50/hr.
- Backhoe or Skidsteer \$49.00/hr.
- Tandem Dump Truck \$49.00/hr.
- 20,000 lb. Anti-Skid \$32.75
- 2,000 lb. Salt \$148.
- 20 lb. Calcium \$15.95

A memo from the Public Works Director explained that Bucktail Excavators appears to be more expensive, however, please note that they can supply three (3) Tri-Axle dump trucks for only \$6.00 per hour more than Krug Contracting's Tandem dump truck. A Tri-Axle can carry 25 tons, where a Tandem carries approximately 15 tons. This would be a significant time savings to the City, which would translate into reduced hours necessary for clean-up.

Thomas Farley made a motion to award the snow removal bid to Bucktail Excavators, per the recommendation of the Public Works Director. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok and all were in favor.

**Consider for Adoption:**  
Ordinance No. 195

Ordinance No. 195 amending the City Code, Section 18, "Sewers and Sewer Disposal", Part 3, "Sewer Rentals", §302 was presented. Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 195, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor. This Ordinance will allow sewer rates to be adopted via a Resolution.

## Resolution No. 05-1

Resolution No. 05-1 establishing the procedure for disposition of records in the manner set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved by the Local Government Records Committee on July 16, 1993 2002 Edition was presented. Robert Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-1, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

## Resolution No. 05-2

Resolution No. 05-2 adopting new rates for sewer usage was presented (Proposal 6). This proposal is for a base rate of \$15.00 per month for each water meter connected to the sanitary sewer system and the following consumption rates based upon usage per month:

- First - \$4.20 per thousand for 0-10,000 gallons
- Next - \$4.15 per thousand for 11,000 to 50,000 gallons
- Next - \$4.10 per thousand for 51,000 to 999,000 gallons
- Next - \$4.00 per thousand over 1,000,000 gallons



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A motion was made by Dennis Nero to adopt Resolution No. 05-2 (Proposal 6), seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except David Meier who opposed.

Mayor Meier felt that the Municipal Authority should set the rates. The Authority should have an Engineering Study performed.

Solicitor French stated it is the Municipal Authority's responsibility to hire an engineer for the study to set sewer rates. A recommendation should then be submitted to Council.

Dennis Nero amended his motion to add that the Manager get in contact with the Municipal Authority to have their Engineering Firm do a study to set the rates for the Sewage Treatment Plant instead of City Council. Steven Skok seconded the amended motion. All were in favor except, David Meier who opposed.

Resolution No. 05-3

**Subdivision Application**  
Ehrensberger Land  
Development

Resolution No. 05-3 was removed from the agenda.

A Subdivision Application for Ehrensberger Land Development located along Harrison Road was submitted for approval. Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Ehrensberger Land Development Application. Seconded by Dennis Nero.

A brief discussion followed regarding the location of the private well not being shown on the map. Also the application stated there would be a drilled well. The map stated the water supply for the lots shown on this subdivision plat will be connected to the public water distribution. The map also noted that the lot will have a drilled well as a water supply. The map had two conflicting statements.

Thomas Farley withdrew his motion with Dennis Nero agreeing to withdraw his second to the motion.

David Meier made a motion to table the subdivision application until we can get the questions regarding the water supply resolved, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**Appointment of**  
**Permanent member on**  
**Zoning Board**

Thomas Farley made a motion to appoint James Christoff as a permanent member of the St. Marys Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
NON AGENDA ITEMS

Jerry Sorg

Jerry Sorg felt that non-residents of the City of St. Marys should not be allowed to speak during a Council meeting, except those representing a City project. He also stated that the City's authorities should be operating authorities.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero felt that the Mayor should not be giving his opinion on an issue before a motion is made. He also felt that if citizens are given a 5-minutes time limit to speak, Council Members should follow the same rule.

Robert Roberts requested that the outdoor furnace ordinance be placed on the next agenda. He also questioned the status of the digester at the WWTP. He was informed that the Municipal Authority stated they do not have the money to repair the digester.

Mayor Meier questioned the process for projects that come in over cost. Solicitor French said a change order should be approved for projects going over cost and that the change order should come before Council.

Thomas Farley made a motion to have Manager Greene put together a procedure for cost overruns on all projects of the City, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

## Executive Session

Solicitor French requested that an Executive Session be held following this meeting to discuss legal matters

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- City Council will be holding their next Council meeting on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- Asked for public help with recent vandalism
- Congratulations to SMAHS Wrestling Squad-Mid-Season Classic Tourney Champs
- There will be election of three Council persons, Mayor, and Tax Collector plus other elected positions on the upcoming ballot. Petitions will be available February 15th.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mark Kopp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held regarding legal matters.

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Mayor

*Shirley Dicklas*  
Recording Secretary